

Wilton Conservation Commission

DRAFT MINUTES MONDAY May 11, 2015– 7:00 PM

Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015, at the Town Hall. There was not a quorum when meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM – present were commissioners Bart Hunter, Spencer Brookes, Jeff Stone; Clerk Joanna K. Eckstrom; visitors Chris Guida (Fieldstone Engineering) and Sara Siskavich and Kristina Sargent (NRPC). Alan Preston, Jessie Salisbury and Tracy Ewing arrived later in evening.

Chairman Bart Hunter asked for a review of the minutes of April 13, 2015 meeting. These were accepted by commissioners present; approval was tabled until a quorum existed.

Chris Guida, Fieldstone Engineering was invited to present a wetland approval for the Lang property on Abbot Hill Rd, Lot H-103-2. The maps were signed by Chairman Hunter. Chris will get Town Clerk's signature tomorrow and submit the plans to the state.

Commissioner Preston arrived and as a quorum now existed, the minutes of April 13 were approved with one correction noted ... should read Corridor 13 (not Corridor B). Clerk will send corrected / approved version of minutes to Jeff Stone for posting on Town website.

Sara Siskavich and Kristina Sargent were called upon to present documents and maps relative to the Conservation Plan, especially as it relates to the Kinder Morgan / Tennessee Gas pipeline that will pass through parts of Wilton. The maps are quite comprehensive as the path of the pipeline must show any conservation properties that are within ¼ mile. Although the pipeline passes through Wilton, conservation properties are outside of the ¼ mile limit. The maps are being updated – ownership and easement types are being clarified.

The Selectmen asked the Conservation Commission for modest changes to the conservation plan agreement being submitted to NRPC. These changes have been incorporated and agreement submitted; there was no change to the bottom line for cost of project (approved at Town Meeting). Selectmen also asked conservation commission to identify all parcels in town that are in current use or that have conservation easements on them.

Copies of the plans presented by Sara and Kristina will be made available to other departments as needed; Ms Eckstrom requested these for Wilton Water Works as it is concerned about any blasting that may be done that could affect the wells.

Bart will plan a work session with Sara and Kristina in the near future to refine / identify status of parcels within path of pipeline.

Sara and Kristina finished their presentation at 7:50 and the commission continued with the posted agenda.

Old Business:

Minutes Review April 13, 2015 as above

Budget & Expenditures:

- Review / Address corrections to Budget (advertising line item) this is still outstanding – no one seems able to explain how this item was overlooked
- Conservation Plan – as above
- Dog Waste Letter – Jeff has contacted Steve Elliott about disposing dog waste at recycling center. It should go in yard waste. Jeff stated that he did time lapse photography on water soluble bags used for dog waste. They work very well. Ms. Eckstrom stated that Wilton Sewer Department public service advisory still states that 'flushable wipes or other 'biodegradable

Wilton Conservation Commission

paper or bags' should still not be put into Wilton Sewer system or septic tanks. Sewer Department suggests observing the 3- P's – only pee, poo and paper should be disposed in system. Jeff will finish letter and send to town officials as needed.

- Frog Pond Site Walk (May 1 – Jeff Stone report) – clerk and Spencer Brookes should keep these reports for future reference – digital file ok.

Ongoing Business:

ZBA: Update as needed nothing new

Planning Board: Lot F-2 any update resident Tracy Ewing provided overview of recent Planning Board meeting. Discussion focused on long-term planning vs short-term goals. Planning to work with each town department to help them achieve goals. Planning Board also discussed edits to the "Change of Use" form.

Forest Management: follow up on skimobile trails, if any Nothing new

Timber Intents? NONE

Shattuck: Nothing new

Wildlife Sightings: bear on Davis Hill (Alan) and near Jessie Salisbury's; eagle near dam at Horseshoe (Spencer); osprey, orioles at Heald Pond (Bart); bobcat near Tremont St (Jeff); wild turkey Laurel Hill Street (Joanna)

Gabel property - per Jeff, clean-up delayed because of wet, swampy conditions but work is progressing.

New Business:

Proposed Action Plan for the WCC for 2015 discussion – nothing new

Miscellaneous:

Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): nothing new

Etc: - Spencer said Community Garden is looking into alternatives to pumping water from wells.

Alan – no trespassing signs illegally posted at Hoover's have been removed.

For Corners Farm – concerns about condition of house have been expressed by Stan Young as well as conservation commissioners. Also, a lean-to hay barn that was constructed without a permit was discussed. Commission will explore what it can / can not do about these.

Girl Scout Camp – Bart and Dawn Tuomala have had discussion about the 40 acre parcel that is part of the proposed subdivision. Corridor 13 passes through. They will chat more about protecting / preserving this lot.

Next meeting, June 14, 2015

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk